Please Don't Cry

PLEASE DON'T CRY FOR ME, I am at peace, I now rest. Please don't be sad. Think of memories at their best. Please don't be bitter. Days are too short and few. Please don't be lonely, for I'll always be with you. Please try to accept that it was just my time to go. Please always remember how I loved you so. Please be strong. Don't be in any pain. Please wipe those tears, for we will meet again. Please show a smile when you think of me. FOR IN GOD'S HANDS IS WHERE I NOW WILL BE.





Acknowledgement

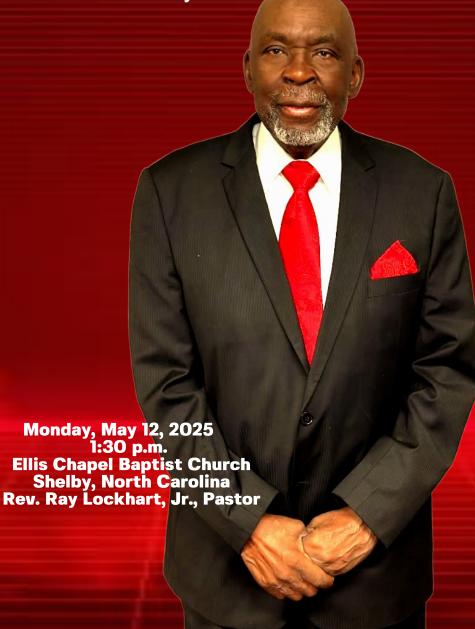
The family of Mr. Sherwood Gill would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and support during this time of mourning.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Mr. Sherwood Lee Gill "Smokey"



December 1, 1951 - May 3, 2025



Mr. Sherwood Lee Gill, better known as Smokey, 73, of Shelby, NC, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Atrium Main, Charlotte, NC. Born in Cleveland County, NC, on December 1, 1951, he was the son of the late Edward Lee Gill and Louise Lockhart Gill.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Joe Louis McGill, Sr., Sheila E. Gill Farmer, and Avery V. Gill Patterson.

Smokey attended Shelby High School, graduating in 1970. He was employed in textiles for most of his career. He began his career at Esther Mills, afterwards he worked at Cone Mills as a supervisor for at least 20 years and retired from Green Heck.

He was a devoted member of Ellis Chapel Baptist Church, where he and his wife served faithfully. Smokey served as President of the Usher's Ministry, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and Assistant Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was a 50-year member of the Providence Lodge #2, Black Eagle 33^{cd} Council NC Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed selling wholesale items at Southside Flea Market. In addition, he loved fishing and watching his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins.

He is survived by his wife of more than 43 years, Sarah Hopper Gill; son, Bryant Wright; stepson, Anthony Hopper; sister, Linda D. Grier. Six grandchildren, Taylor, Octavis, Anthony, Jr. Victoria, Antonio, and Christian. Sisters-in-love, Margaret Alexander McGill, Willie Langston, a brother-in-love Walter Lee Hopper with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

| Prelude |
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| Processional |
| Officiating MinisterRev. Ray Lockhart, Jr. |
| Receiving of Friends1-1:30 p.m. |
| Congregational HymnEllis Chapel Baptist Church Choi |
| Scripture Reading |
| Old TestamentApostle Michael Moore |
| New TestamentRev. Rose Corry |
| Prayer of ComfortRev. James L. Smith |
| Selection Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Choi |
| RemarksDennis Postor |
| President of Ushers, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association |
| Cassandra Farmer-Niece |
| Carey Mitchell-Deacons' Ministry |
| James Edwards-ECBC Ushers' Representative |
| Dr. Linda Williams Lockhart-God-Daughter |
| Acknowledgements |
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| Reading of ObituarySilently |
| Selection Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Choi |
| Words of Comfort Rev Ray Lockhart In |

Interment
Ellis Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery
Shelby, North Carolina

Recessional Selection